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8 October 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00287

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 8 September in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Q1. Please provide an Excel spreadsheet listing all research grants given to UK universities and higher education institutions by the Medical Research Council between the 1st January 2015 and the 1st January 2020. Please list the university each grant was given to and the grant amount and title.

Q2. Please provide an Excel spreadsheet listing all UK universities that have received research grants from the Medical Research Council between 1st January 2015 and 1st January 2020 and the total amount that each institution received during this time.

Please provide this in an electronic format END FOI I have tried to look for this information online and was unable to find it. If it exists in another location then could you kindly send a link to where I can find it.

Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold the information relevant to your request.

The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the FOIA as it is intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that it is subject to the public interest test.

UKRI understand that being transparent in regard to Research Grants is in the public interest. Later this month 5 years of competitive funding decisions data is due to be published on the UKRI webpage. This work is currently ongoing and we are of the view that releasing the information as it currently stands would be incomplete and thus not in the public interest.

We have therefore determined that the outcome of this test is that the public interest is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure as the information is likely to be available by the end of the month.

Much of the information you have requested is presently available through the UKRI [Gateway to Research](#)¹ tool. The Gateway to Research website has been developed by UKRI to enable users to search and analyse information about publicly funded research. There are also decisions on competitive funding publications for the last two years of data ([2018-19](#)² and [2019-20](#)³) available on the [UKRI website](#)⁴.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

¹ <https://gtr.ukri.org/>

² <https://www.ukri.org/funding/funding-data/decisions-on-competitive-funding/>

³ <https://www.ukri.org/funding/funding-data/decisions-on-competitive-funding-2019-20/>

⁴ <https://www.ukri.org/funding/funding-data/>

Head of Information Governance


Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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